

Revised Panelist List – For discussion 1/20/2017

**Panel 1: Legal and Academic Research on Voting Rights (Limit 4 panelists)**

1. Ruth Greenwood - Attorney at Campaign Legal Center - Expert on redistricting litigation, focus on gerrymandering and minority representation. Adjunct professor of law at Loyola **confirmed interest as panelist**
  - a. ALT: Jeffrey I. Cummings, Attorney at Minor, Barnhill & Galland - Can provide private sector perspective on redistricting in civil rights framework
  - b. ALT: Terry Smith, DePaul University, College of Law, Course on Voting Rights - has written on exclusion of the poor and minorities **initial contact attempted**
  - c. ALT: John Perea – Law Professor at Loyola University Chicago – racial inequalities in voting
2. Ami Gandhi, Director of Voting and Civic Empowerment at Chicago Lawyer’s Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, Inc. – expert on increasing access to voting for minority and low-income populations, very involved on issues regarding election day registration **has confirmed interest in being a panelist**
3. Rebecca Glenberg, staff at ACLU of Illinois – knowledgeable on same-day voter registration issues **initial contact attempted**
4. Jacob H. Huebert, Senior Attorney at Liberty Justice Center – this agency is the plaintiff in the lawsuit against election day registration **confirmed interested in being a panelist**
  - a. ALT: John Fogarty - Election law practitioner/expert; past Chair of the Chicago Bar Association's Election Law Committee; General Counsel for the Illinois Republican Party and the City of Chicago Republican Party
  - b. ALT: Kaylan L. Phillips, Chief Litigation Counsel at Public Interest Legal Foundation (Indiana) - Agency focuses on integrity of voting rights and holds states accountable for accurate voter registration. Litigates if needed.
    - i. ALT: J. Christian Adams, General Counsel at Public Interest Legal Foundation, also served in Voting Section of DOJ for several years

*Additional Alternates for panel:*

1. Abraham Scarr - Director at IL PIRG – Published May 2016 report on significance of AVR
2. Brian Gladstein, Executive Director of Common Cause IL – agency has focus area on voting and elections. Mr. Gladstein has been directly involved in local efforts for campaign finance reform
3. Daniel B. Rodriguez, Dean of Northwestern School of Law - Cancelled classes on election day and made it a civic engagement day - students served as poll monitors
4. Michael Casper, Attorney – knowledgeable on civil rights law and voting rights

**Panel 2: Community Issues - Voting and Incarceration (Limit 4-5 panelists)**

1. Christina R. Rivers, DePaul University - expert on voting and civil rights law, mass incarceration **confirmed interest in being a panelist**
2. Michelle Mbekeani-Wiley, Community Justice Staff Attorney at Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law - Conducted voter registration and distributed/collected ballots in Cook County Jail. Is working with Sheriff's Office and Boards of Election Commissioners to expand the practice **confirmed interest in being a panelist**
  - a. ALT: Tom Dart, Cook County Sheriff - Has expressed support and interest to expanding voting opportunities for individuals awaiting trial
  - b. ALT: Beth Haverkamp, suburban staff for Cook County Clerk – Has been partnering with Shriver Center on pilot project to increase access to voting for inmates awaiting trial at county jail
  - c. ALT: Michael Miller – Assistant Director at Cook County Sheriff's Office - Has been partnering with Shriver Center on pilot project to increase access to voting for inmates awaiting trial at county jail
3. Nasir Blackwell, Green Re-entry Program Resident Coordinator at Inner-City Muslim Action Network – works with formerly incarcerated individuals in job training. Was in prison himself 24 years and was an advocate for access to voting within that environment **confirmed interest in speaking at hearing**
  - a. ALT: Shirley Tankersley, Intake Specialist for Workforce Development Program at Chicago Urban League – Provides job training resources for formerly incarcerated individuals
  - b. ALT: Fahmi Jones, Program Coordinator at Families & Prisoners United – works with formerly incarcerated individuals, particularly within the Muslim community
4. Johnny Outlaw, Director of Reentry Services Team at Teamwork Englewood – works directly with formerly incarcerated individuals **initial contact attempted**
5. Marlon Chamberlain, F.O.R.C.E. Organizer at Community Renewal Society - Educating the formerly incarcerated about their voting rights **initial contact attempted**

**Panel 3: Language Access Barriers (Limit 4-5 panelists)**

1. Ryan Cortazar, Legal Fellow at Chicago Lawyer's Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, Inc. – has been presenting nationally on voting practices in Illinois. High level of knowledge on language access  
initial contact attempted
2. Veronica Cortez, Attorney at MALDEF – works on access to voting with Spanish-speaking populations in suburbs of Chicago confirmed interest in being a panelist
  - a. ALT: Voto Latino
  - b. ALT: Sylvia Puente, Director of Latino Policy Forum – can speak on challenges and importance of Latino vote at regional level
  - c. ALT: Maria Hinojosa, Radio host of Latino USA & Faculty of Latino and Latin American Studies at DePaul - Has provided commentary to the media after presidential debates on the significance of the Latino vote initial contact attempted
3. Shobhana Verma, Director of South Asian Outreach Program at Chicago Board of Election Commissioners - Works with Indian-American community regarding language access, familiar with Section 203 implementation issues confirmed interest in being a panelist
4. Andy Kang, Legal Director at Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Advocate for AVR, aware of gaps in language access service delivery, especially for Korean community Confirmed interest in being a panelist
  - a. ALT: Tuyet Le, Executive Director of Asian Americans Advancing Justice – agency has programs on voting rights and language access

### **Community Issues – Barriers to Voting Across Social Groups (Limit 4-5 Panelists)**

1. Barry C. Taylor, VP of Civil Rights Team at Equip for Equality - **Disability rights** organization that has focus area on protecting voting rights of individuals with disabilities. Focus on policy, legal, and community advocacy **Referred Cheryl Jansen, public policy director, who confirmed interest as panelist**
2. Douglas Schenkelberg – Executive Director of Chicago Coalition for the **Homeless** – agency has worked to register homeless individuals to vote **initial contact attempted**
3. Christian Diaz, Director of Chicago Votes - Leads mobilization and education-focused organization on importance of voting for Chicago **youth** **initial contact attempted**
4. NAACP – chapters throughout Northern and Central Illinois – re: civic engagement mobilization of **African American** voters **initial contact attempted**
5. League of **Women** Voters of Illinois **initial contact attempted**

### Government Perspectives on Voting Issues (Limit 5 panelists)

1. Karyn Bass Ehler, Chief of Civil Rights Bureau at Office of Attorney General of Illinois - can speak to civil rights issues regarding voting at statewide level – knowledgeable on fraud violations in Kankakee **yet to contact**
  - a. ALT: Jamie Boyd, Kankakee State’s Attorney – opened investigation on allegations of voter fraud throughout the county before general election
2. Brent Davis, Director of Election Operations at Illinois State Board of Elections- Among many duties, responds to public and election authority inquiries on election law and is responsible for internal and external election training programs **initial contact attempted**
  - a. ALT: Kyle Thomas, Director of Voting and Election Systems at Illinois State Board of Elections - Responsible for statewide Illinois Voter Registration System and approves voting systems for use in Illinois
3. David Orr, Cook County Clerk - Advocating against Gov. Rauner's veto of automatic voter registration; potential contact for poll workers **confirmed interest – but will confirm if he or staff will serve a panelist (will follow up by end of month)**
4. Daniel Biss, Illinois Senator (D) – Co-Sponsor of AVR bill **no longer able to participate**
  - a. ALT: Robyn Gabel, Illinois Representative (D) – Lead sponsor of AVR bill **initial contact attempted**
  - b. ALT: Sam McCann, Illinois Senator (R) – initially voted for automatic voter registration **Initial contact attempted**
5. Gov. Bruce Rauner, Governor of Illinois – Vetoed AVR bill that initially had strong bipartisan support **Juan Carlos and David will send invitation in writing**
  - a. ALT: Kyle McCarter, Illinois Senator (R) – initially voted against AVR **initial contact attempted**
  - b. ALT: Gordy Hulten, Champaign County Clerk - Has introduced cost-effective technologies to voting in the county. Has increased voter registration and early voting places
  - c. ALT: Paul Hinds, DuPage County Clerk - Can provide suburban perspective on challenges to voting, views on AVR
  - d. ALT: John A. Cunningham, Kane County Clerk - Can provide suburban perspective on challenges to voting, views on AVR
  - e. ALT: Laura Jacksack, Attorney at Jacksack Law Offices and Republican National Lawyers Association - Past Chair of the Chicago Bar Association's Election Law Committee; election law practitioner/expert; past Executive Director of the Lawyers Committee for Fair Elections; ballot integrity expert and trainer for election monitors

## Proposed Schedule Options

### **Schedule A (5 Panels)**

#### ***Opening Remarks (8-8:15am)***

Panel 1: (8:15-9:30am)

Panel 2: (9:45am-11:00am)

Panel 3: (11:15am-12:30pm)

#### ***Break (12:30pm-1:30pm)***

Panel 4: (1:30pm-2:45pm)

Panel 5: (3:00pm – 4:15pm)

Open Forum (4:20-5:00pm)

#### ***Closing Remarks (5pm)***

### **Schedule B (4 Panels)**

#### ***Opening Remarks (9:00am-9:15am)***

Panel 1: (9:15am-10:30am)

Panel 2: (10:45am-12:00pm)

Open Forum I: (12:05-12:30pm)

#### ***Break (12:30pm-1:30pm)***

Panel 3: (1:30pm-2:45pm)

Panel 4: (3:00pm-4:15pm)

Open Forum II: (4:20pm-5:00pm)

#### ***Closing Remarks (5:00pm)***